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Docket No.: 0885/0D930

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In re Application of: Deborah Ann LEWIS ET AL.

Serial No: 09/155,740

Group Art Unit: 1761

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Examiner: H. Pratt

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy
of Form PTO-1449 and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon.

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These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued February 18, 1999 in the European counterpart of the present patent application, in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since the Search Report is in English, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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